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Feb 18 - Licensing sub-committee A, 5pm  
Feb 20 - Cabinet, 7pm  
Feb 21 - Licensing review sub-committee, 6.30pm; Children & Young People Scrutiny Panel, 7pm

More information on 020 8921 5130 or [www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/meetings](http://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/meetings)

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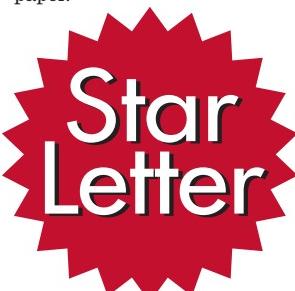
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We reserve the right to edit any letters received.

## Publicity is such a big help

JUST to say thank you very much, GT, for visiting Greenwich Junior Badminton Club last week, taking lots of action pictures along with an article and publishing in your paper.



The parents and children have been thrilled and inspired to see this article and pictures. I have received several new enquiries already regarding our club membership and visits from two prospective members two days after publication. That's a wonderful result for us. Publicity like this really helps junior clubs get well known locally.

Jill Hayden, coach, Greenwich Junior Badminton Club

## Walk is unacceptable

I WOULD like to draw the public's attention to the state of the John Roan School. Due to refurbishment to the Maze Hill school they have secured the Old Victorian School in Royal Hill for Years 10 and 11 and the sixth forms. This would be quite acceptable if all of their lessons were at this school but this is not the case, for some of the lessons (mainly the sciences) they have to return to Maze Hill and walk across Greenwich Park which is approximately three-quarters of a mile. That is okay in perfect conditions but with the weather we are having at the moment it is unacceptable. I would like to give an example of my grandson's timetable for Fridays at Royal Hill:

Maths, religious studies, then English, finishing at approximately 12 o'clock,

then he has to get to Maze Hill for Physics at one o'clock. That's one hour, but that should be his dinner break so he loses his dinner. John Roan owns two mini-buses which could be used, but I was told it would be too expensive. I am sure with better planning all this could be avoided.

### P.B., Greenwich

● FIRSTLY, I welcome any comments on any aspect of the school from parents, or indeed grandparents, and would like to reassure all of them that nothing has my greater attention or commitment than ensuring that today's pupils have a fantastic experience of school whilst our new buildings are being constructed. The Royal Hill site, although a Victorian building, has been refurbished to a high standard and Years 10 and 11, who are based there, are very happy with the facilities.

Unfortunately, because it is built as a primary school, and despite the fact we have added some temporary buildings, we just cannot accommodate all Year 10 and 11 lessons on this site and it is true that pupils have to walk across Greenwich Park either to or from Maze Hill to have, mainly, their science lessons.

I have timed the walk across the park, and often escort the pupils myself, and even at a leisurely pace the maximum time is 25 minutes. Lunchtime is 50 minutes, so that leaves 25 minutes for pupils to eat their lunch.

Pupils move at most once per day, and no pupil moves sites every day. Would that the weather in England was always perfect, and clearly the snow didn't help matters, but pupils are walking through one of the most beautiful parks in London. It is true that we have four minibuses, but even if we were able to use all of these we still could not transport the 100 students who have to move each time.

We are all looking forward to our new buildings being completed in the Autumn of 2014, but until then I would urge any parent, grandparent or carer who has any concerns to contact me directly.

Des Malone, headteacher,  
The John Roan School

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# Green to envy



**GRASS IS GREENER:**  
Graham Dear, manager  
of Greenwich Park.  
Below, park visitors  
John and Kate Briden  
with baby Jessica



## Greenwich Park 'better than before' after upgrade works

by Dick Townsend-Smith

**HISTORIC** Greenwich Park will end up in a better state than even before it hosted events for last summer's Olympics and Paralympics.

That's the view of park manager Graham Dear from the Royal Parks, who has been overseeing work to reseed and returf the grassed areas used for the equestrian events. He told GT: "This is on target to be finished by the spring. In fact I already defy anyone to look at where the cross country course was and say exactly where it was."

"Many of the roads and footpaths are being restored. By the end of March roads and paths will be in better condition than they were before the Games. A kilometre of roads and paths are being resurfaced."

The last returfing will be in front of the Queen's House at the end of spring. A total of 350,000 square metre of turf is being used.

The park hosted equestrian and modern pentathlon events during the Games, and attracted 400,000

visitors – and 75 competitive horses. Three quarters of the park re-opened to the public in October and by the end of November all temporary venue structures were removed.

The Avenue through route is now closed to traffic until March 28, as tarmac and granite gulleys are relayed and speed humps provided to slow traffic and make it safer for cyclists.

Work around Blackheath Gate on The Avenue and Blackheath Road is due to be finished by March 28.

Construction workers have been repairing the earthworks in Charlton Way outside Blackheath Gate, which saw 150,000 people passing through during the Games.

Bower Avenue's trees are benefiting from turf replacing tarmac around their trunks.

"For the Royal Parks, the whole experience of 2012 was a huge success," Mr Dear said. "The atmosphere during the Games was amazing. Tourism is very important for Greenwich, and we were voted the best temporary venue."

John Briden from Charlton, out for a walk with wife Kate and 10-day-old daughter Jessica, said: "It's brilliant they have got it back to what it looked like before the Olympics."



## Crossrail box at Woolwich

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employment centres as well as supporting wider regeneration."

Clr Chris Roberts, leader of the royal borough, said: "I am delighted the Woolwich station box has been delivered efficiently and ahead of schedule. Congratulations are due to all those involved."

"The task now is to urgently put in place the financing to ensure the station box can be fitted out to enable Crossrail trains to stop at Woolwich. We are committed to doing what we can to make that happen."

Crossrail will run up to 12 trains an hour during peak times, linking south-east London and the Royal Docks with Canary Wharf and central London.

● **A fun run takes place inside the station box on February 27 to raise money for Demelza House Children's Hospice. For more info email [woolwichstationbox@berkeleygroup.co.uk](mailto:woolwichstationbox@berkeleygroup.co.uk)**

## Church fair's fashion flair

ST ALFEGE CHURCH is holding a vintage and antiques market on March 3.

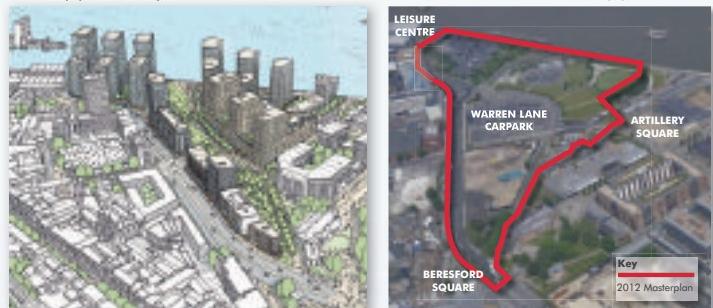
The 'Vintage Flair' market takes place in the hall of the central Greenwich church from 2pm to 6pm. On sale will be jewellery, clothing, furniture and homeware.

● For more information go to: [www.thevintageflair.co.uk](http://www.thevintageflair.co.uk)

## PUBLIC EXHIBITION EVENT

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[waterfrontmasterplan.co.uk](http://waterfrontmasterplan.co.uk)

Following a public consultation event held in November 2012, Berkeley Homes has submitted an outline planning application to the Royal Borough of Greenwich Council for the Waterfront Masterplan, at Royal Arsenal, Woolwich.

As a number of changes have been made to the scheme to incorporate comments that were received at the consultation event, Berkeley will be holding a further three day consultation to enable local residents to view the outline application which has been submitted to the Council.

The proposals will be exhibited on architectural boards and on a physical model, with members of the design team on hand to provide further details and answer any questions you may have.

There will also be an opportunity to provide feedback on the application which will help to define the next stages of the masterplanning.

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# Council leader is to stand down in 2014

**COUNCILLOR Chris Roberts last week announced he was to stand down as leader of the Royal Borough of Greenwich next year.**

**He set out the reasons behind his decision in a letter to local residents, businesses, councillors and partners, in which he said:**

"AFTER 14 years as leader, I am confirming that I shall not be seeking another term as leader of Greenwich Council following the 2014 local government elections. It had originally been my intention to stand down at the election in May 2010. However, securing royal borough status for Greenwich and our hosting of the Olympic and Paralympic Games persuaded me to continue to 2012, particularly given the work which went into them."

At the conclusion of my present term I shall have led the borough for 14 years during which time we have witnessed considerable change and improvement. During this time we have seen Greenwich move from being one of the highest taxed councils in London to one of the lowest with council tax frozen more often than not and cumulative increases below what they would have been if linked to inflation. In recent times we have managed the most severe cuts of £70m through a rolling programme of efficiency reviews which has protected front line services and even permitted the expansion of children's centres, libraries, leisure and sports facilities.

Our management of the public finances enabled us last week to announce a balanced budget for the next two years during which council Tax will be frozen for the sixth and seventh consecutive years. The borough has undergone major regeneration over the past 12 years not least in the transformation of the Millennium Dome into the world's most successful entertainment venue at The O2. Public transport has been enhanced with the development of a new DLR station at Woolwich, expanded river bus services and hopefully the successful conclusion of negotiations to bring a Crossrail station to Woolwich. Nothing would cement the regeneration of the poorest part of our borough than this critical element of infrastructure and it is the one

thing above all I should wish to conclude ahead of my departure. I am particularly proud of the achievements of our local labour scheme (GLLaB) and that this became the template for the Olympic Host Boroughs in generating local employment for the Games of 2012. To have placed almost 11,000 local residents into work shows our regeneration programme carries with it a strong human and personal element. This is also reflected in the raising of standards in our schools to the point where results now outstrip the national average. I take pride in these results not least because they involved changes to the council's administrative leadership and in schools structures which did not always carry unanimous political support. However, the real credit for success must go to those head teachers who have supplied the leadership and drive to raise standards of attainment and the quality of their leadership has been the defining attribute.

In the period between now and May 2014, I intend to ensure the council does all it can to alleviate the growing challenge of greater poverty within the borough, by supporting people off benefits and into work. The regeneration and growth agenda across the borough remains a vital priority and the council will shortly announce the development of capital projects which will exceed £100m. This resource will enhance our economy, improve and build new homes and create more school places for the children of our borough.

I am grateful to the many council officers and external partner organisations with whom I have worked. While it is always inappropriate to name individuals it nevertheless seems unfair not to mention the council's chief executive, Mary Ney. I have been blessed with a wonderful office manager, Veronica Johnson and my fabulous PA Sophie Lewis.

To my colleague councillors, I thank them for their support over the years and the dedication many of them have shown.

Again, I must pay particular thanks to my deputy leader, Peter Brooks. Most of all I am grateful to the people of Greenwich. It has been a tremendous honour to lead this borough and to leave it hopefully for the better. It has been a pleasure to lead the Labour Group to three successive election victories each one of which has seen our results outshine the London average. I believe this is due to the very strong vision and direction of travel we have set allied to the most efficient management of public finances in the capital. I was not born here but like many thousands have chosen this place to live and make my life. Nothing I do in the future will be as rewarding or as interesting as the challenge and enjoyment of public service in Greenwich and nothing will give me greater pride. Thank you all."

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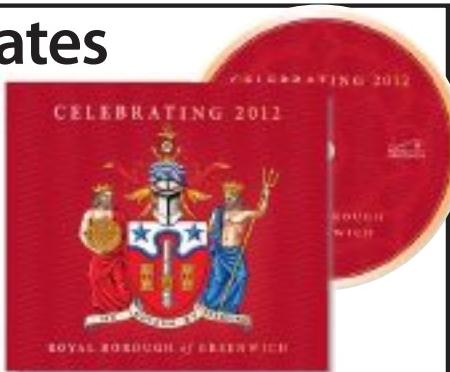
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## New DVD celebrates the best of 2012

RESIDENTS can re-live the best moments of 2012 by watching a new commemorative DVD produced by the royal borough. The film, Celebrating 2012, captures the best moments of major events that happened in the borough. They include the Queen's visit to mark her jubilee year and the borough's royal status as well as footage from the Olympic torch relay and the Olympic celebrations. The video is £5 including p&p and can be ordered at [www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/2012film](http://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/2012film) where you can also view a short clip.



## Warm up on a big fun run

YOU can help keep older people in Greenwich warm and well this winter by taking part in the Wrap-up and Run 10K at Crystal Palace on Sunday, March 10. To register online go to [www.ageuk.org.uk/10K](http://www.ageuk.org.uk/10K) or call 0800 169 8787

# Hotels check in

### Plans for new rooms help to boost tourism

by Dick Townsend-Smith

A NEW 91-room hotel is to be built at New Eltham and other hotels have recently opened in Greenwich and Woolwich – creating more jobs locally and swelling tourist numbers.

The New Eltham hotel is set to be built on the site of Burger King in Sidcup Road. The current building would be bulldozed, and replaced by a new multi-storey building. The hotel's reception and foyer, bar and restaurant would be on the ground floor, with bedrooms on the upper floors. There would also be parking both on the ground floor and in a basement car park.

Royal borough planners gave the scheme the green light when they met on Thursday, January 31. They stressed the restaurant and bar would have to close by 11pm during the week, and 10.30pm on Sundays and bank holidays.

The site was previously home to an inn and pub called the Crossways Hotel, and it is likely that the hotel will retain its original name. It is currently rented to Burger King on a lease that runs out in less than two years.

Meanwhile, a new 145-room hotel, the Mercure Greenwich, opened recently in what used to be Maurice Drummond House – an eight storey 1930s Metropolitan Police section house.

It is a four star hotel, operating under Accor's upmarket Mercure brand.

The refurbishment included an upward extension to house new penthouse suites offering stunning views across London.

Stephen Willmore from the development's architects, Assael, said: "The original building had become redundant and had suffered from vandalism over the years. This was an exciting opportunity to refurbish, renovate and reuse an existing



PRIME CORNER: an artist's impression of the hotel planned for New Eltham

building."

A new Travelodge has also recently opened in Woolwich. The new 120-room building at the end of the high street is the result of a £8.6 million investment that created 20 new jobs. Travelodge says it expects its customers to spend on average £36 a day in local shops, restaurants and bars during their stay.

Construction is set to start on a new 452-room luxury riverside hotel on Greenwich Peninsula. The £285m hotel by The O2 is part of a masterplan for the peninsula. It will have the largest ballroom in Europe and extensive conference facilities with a tower of 100 serviced apartments for sale.

The new hotels – with more in the pipeline – are a big boost to the royal borough's drive to encourage more people to stay overnight in the borough when they visit. There are currently plans to increase the number of

hotel rooms in the borough from 639 in 2011 to more than 2500 over the next few years. The Discover More campaign was launched on the back of the success of the London 2012 Games, when thousands of people came for events in Greenwich, Woolwich the Peninsula, Royal Greenwich is already one of London's most popular visitor destinations, attracting around 18 million visitors a year, providing 11,000 jobs and generating £774 million for the local economy.

Cllr Chris Roberts, leader of the royal borough, said: "The events of 2012 have raised the profile of the royal borough considerably, and it is essential that we create a vehicle for capturing that attention and converting it into a series of initiatives to support the long-term growth of the tourism sector across the whole of Royal Greenwich."

• Find out more at [www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/discover](http://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/discover)



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1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Royal Borough of Greenwich intends to make an Order to accommodate construction works in Ennis Road, Kingsdale Road, Kirkham Street, Macoma Road and The Slade. The effect of the Order would be to temporarily:
  - (a) prohibit any vehicle from entering, exiting, proceeding or waiting (including waiting for the purpose of loading or unloading) in:
    - (i) Ennis Road, between the common boundary of Nos. 16 and 18 Ennis Road and a point 20 metres south-west of that common boundary;
    - (ii) Kingsdale Road, between the eastern kerb-line of Swinage Lane and a point 11 metres east of that kerb-line;
    - (iii) Kirkham Street, between the western kerb-line of Swinage Lane and a point 12 metres west of that kerb-line;
    - (iv) Macoma Road, between the south-eastern kerb-line of Ennis Road and a point 10 metres east of that kerb-line; and
    - (v) The Slade, (the south-eastermost arm) between the south-western kerb-line of Kirkham Street to a point 15 metres south-west of that kerb-line;
  - (b) suspend the existing one-way working in Macoma Road, between its junction with Ennis Road and its junction with Kingsdale; and
  - (c) suspend the existing one-way working in Tuan Road, between its junction with Ennis Road and its junction with Kingsdale.

**NOTE:** The works in the above mentioned roads would not be conducted simultaneously and, as such, not all the restrictions stated above would be in force in all the affected roads at any one time.

2. The above restrictions and suspension would only apply at such times and to such extent as shall be indicated by the placing of the appropriate traffic signs.
3. Whilst the prohibitions specified in paragraph 1(a) above are in operation, the alternative routes would be:
  - (a) for Ennis Road, via Tuan Road and Kingsdale Road;
  - (b) for Kingsdale Road, via Gilberstone Road, Bassett Road and King's Highway;
  - (c) for Fieldgate Street, via Ruston Road, Timberscroft Lane and Thornhill Avenue;
  - (d) for Macoma Road, via Macoma Terrace, Plantation Common Road and Tuan Road; and
  - (e) for The Slade, via Gurdian Road, Timberscroft Lane and Thornhill Avenue.
4. The Order would come into force on 26th February 2013 and would continue in force for up to 18 months, or until the works have been completed, whichever is the sooner.
5. Queries concerning these works should be directed to the Royal Borough of Greenwich's Directorate of Regeneration, Enterprise & Skills on 020 8921 3932.

Assistant Director, Strategic Transportation

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### ROYAL BOROUGH OF GREENWICH ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14(1)

#### TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE – ELTHAM HIGH STREET JUNCTIONS

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Royal Borough of Greenwich intends to make an Order to accommodate carriageway works in Archery Road, Eltham High Street, Pound Place and Roper Street. The effect of the Order would be to temporarily:
  - (a) prohibit vehicles from entering, exiting, proceeding or waiting (including waiting for the purpose of loading or unloading) in:
    - (i) Archery Road, between the northern kerb-line of Eltham High Street and a point 2 metres north of that kerb-line;
    - (ii) Pound Place, between the southern kerb-line of Eltham High Street and a point 2 metres south of that kerb-line; and
    - (iii) Roper Street, between the northern kerb-line of Eltham High Street and a point 2 metres north of that kerb-line; and
  - (b) suspend the existing one-way working in Pound Place, between its junction with Heseltine Place and its junction with Eltham High Street.
2. The above restrictions and suspension would only apply at such times and to such extent as shall be indicated by the placing of the appropriate traffic signs. Vehicle access to properties affected by these works would be maintained whenever possible subject to the extent and operations of the works.
3. Whilst the closure in Archery Road is in operation, the alternative route for vehicles would be via Bassett Road, Westmoor Road and Eltham High Street, and vice versa.
4. The Order would come into force on 25th February 2013 and would continue in force for up to 18 months, or until the works have been completed, whichever is the sooner. However, it is expected that the works would take no more than two days to complete.
5. Queries concerning these works should be directed to the Royal Borough of Greenwich's Directorate of Regeneration, Enterprise & Skills on 020 8921 3930.

Assistant Director, Strategic Transportation

The Woolwich Centre,  
16 Wellington Street,  
SE18 6HQ  
Dated 12th February 2013  
JANETTE ALEX (000000100000)



IT'S the 60th anniversary of some of KITSON dived into the archive at the disaster was reported, and how it left

# Flood on

"FIVE hundred troops from Woolwich Garrison, together with many civilians, are working against time in an endeavour to seal the breaches in the river wall at Erith and Belvedere before spring tides in nine days time..."

That was the front page leader of the Kentish Independent on February 6, 1953, after the worst flooding in memory had left hundreds in Abbey Wood and Thamesmead homeless, and one man dead.

It continued: "The troops are plugging three gaps, one of which is about 25 yards long, with sandbags. They are working all the hours of daylight and standing by during the night in case the tide makes another break."

The east coast of England had been ravaged by floods, which had forced their way up the Thames as far as SE18.

The river wall had been broken on the night of January 30, and an area from the river at Plumstead station to the riverside at Erith was overrun by water 20 feet deep in places.

"Worst hit areas were Crabtree Manorway, Harrow Manorway and Norman Road," reported the KI.

On a side story, 'Saving The Sick And Rescuing Their Pets', the newspaper hailed the unselfishness of the emergency services, under a chilling subhead that screamed: 'SHED FLOATS DOWN THE ROAD'.

The Kentish Mercury of the same day splashed with: 'London Homes Wrecked as Thames Boils Over'.

Outdoing the KI in its personification of the rising tide, the Mercury's evocative subdeck read: 'ANGRY WATERS WROUGHT HAVOC ALONG RIVERSIDE'.

And just shy of top billing on page one was a panic-inducing short for the area's pub-goers: 'GALLONS OF BEER LOST', it said, of a cellar which had been swamped with the loss of almost 90 gallons.

In the immediate aftermath of the disaster flood defences were bulked up along the length of the Thames at Thamesmead and Abbey Wood.

The smaller River Quaggy now also helps protect the area, with flood defences that allow storage of excess water in Sutcliffe Park and in the park at Weigall Road.

Records of the disaster and the newspaper microfilms of the period are in the archive at the Greenwich Heritage Centre on the Woolwich Arsenal.

The traveller community that



lived on the marshes at Belvedere was particularly badly hit in 1953.

"Many of the marsh-dwellers' homes were knocked over by the force of the water rushing inland," reported the KI, in an article headed, 'Old Dick, The Poet, Speaks For Marsh Folk'.

The railways were put out of action in places, with the track at Belvedere completely submerged.

Farming too came in for a battering. Herds of pigs that lived on the lowland perished. The few that were rescued might have thought their bacon was saved – but the luck-shy porkers

*the worst floods ever seen in south-east London. ROD Greenwich Heritage Centre to find out how the 1953 hundreds homeless and a train line underwater...*

# the tracks



A HARD RAIN:  
a policeman  
rows a couple to  
safety in Abbey  
Wood, and below,  
water-pumping  
machines



## MANY PIGS KILLED, BUT RACHEL WOULD NOT MOVE

Part of the tragedy of the flood in the Abbey Wood, Belvedere and Erith districts was the destruction of herds of pigs belonging to small-holders. A "K.I." reporter visited the abattoir at Plumstead and there learned that as soon as the pigs were rescued from the floods some of them were sent by lorry to the slaughterhouse. A spokesman of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries said that the question of compensation had not yet been discussed. "We are concentrating on rescuing the animals at the moment," he said. The reason for the slaughtering was mainly that there was no ground on which the pigs could be accommodated.

One sow who would not move from her waterlogged sty was Rachel, who weighs about 5 cwt. Her owners, Mr. George Wing and Mr. Cyril Norris, had high hopes that when she gave birth to a litter of piglets (as she is due to do) they would be the type who grow up into fine animals.

Whether Rachel will ever have her litter or not one cannot say. Because this fine sow was one of those caught in the web of the floods at Harrow Manorway, Abbey Wood.

Most of the pigs were saved by Mr. Wing and members of the police force; but some were only saved for the slaughterhouse. A shocked pig should be killed immediately or the meat will suffer.

SAVED HER BACON: the story of Rachel the sow as it appeared in the Kentish Independent in 1953. Inset far left, high water in Abbey Wood, and inset middle, a de-homed family shelter in the Abbey Wood train station

were loaded straight onto wagons and promptly sent to the abattoir. "A shocked pig should be killed immediately or the meat will suffer," concluded the KI report.

But in an article headed 'Many Pigs Killed, But Rachel Would Not Move', there was news of a savvy swine who foresaw her fate.

It read: "One sow who would not move was Rachel. Her owner, Mr George Wing had high hopes that when she gave birth to a litter of piglets they would be the type to grow into fine animals. Whether Rachel will ever

have her litter or not one cannot say." Animals featured heavily in the newspapers - 'Cat With Nine Lives - Family With Ten', told the story of Tibbles the tortoiseshell cat, who was, "until Sunday, living at Dashwood Farm, Harrow Manorway, Abbey Wood," but had since been displaced by the high water.

A barge loaded with a cargo of lead worth £19,000 (£400,000 in today's money) sunk at Royal Albert Dock. Divers were sent to retrieve the bounty.

This year marks another river

anniversary - 30 years ago in 1983, the Thames Barrier was completed to protect London from threat of storms and high waters.

• To check your home's flood status, visit the Environment Agency website at [www.environment-agency.gov.uk](http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk) or sign up for Floodline Warnings Direct by calling 0845 988 1188 or Textphone on 0845 602 6340

• For more information on the floods and other local history, visit the Greenwich Heritage Centre's archive, on the Woolwich Arsenal. 020 8854 2452 or [www.greenwichheritage.org](http://www.greenwichheritage.org)

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## ROYAL BOROUGH OF GREENWICH ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14(1) TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE – WAVERLEY ROAD

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Royal Borough of Greenwich has made an Order to accommodate Thames Water works in Waverley Road. The effect of the Order will be to temporarily:
    - (i) prohibit any vehicle proceeding in Waverley Road (north-west to south-east arm), between the northern kerb-line of Durham Road and the southern kerb-line of Breyer Road, to proceed in a direction other than from south-east to north-west;
    - (ii) prohibit any vehicle proceeding in a westerly direction in Breyer Road from turning left upon reaching the junction with Waverley Road (north-west to south-east arm); and
    - (iii) prohibit any vehicle proceeding in an easterly direction in Waverley Road (west to east arm) from turning right upon reaching the junction with Waverley Road (north-west to south-east arm).
  2. The above restrictions will only apply at such times and to such extent as shall be indicated by the placing of the appropriate traffic signs.
  3. Whilst the one-way working specified in paragraph 1 above is in operation, the alternative route will be:
    - (a) for vehicles proceeding on Breyer Road in a westerly direction, via Waverley Road (west to east arm), Victoria Road and Durham Road; and
    - (b) for vehicles proceeding on Waverley Road (west to east arm) in an easterly direction, via Breyer Road, Griffin Road and Waverley Crescent.
  4. The Order will come into force on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2013 and will continue in force for up to 18 months, or until the works have been completed, whichever is the sooner. However, it is expected that the works will take approximately one month to complete.
  5. Queries concerning these works should be directed to the Royal Borough of Greenwich's Directorate of Regeneration, Enterprise & Skills on 020 8921 5474.
- Assistant Director, Strategic Transportation  
The Woolwich Centre,  
35 Wellington Street,  
SE10 8HQ  
Date 12<sup>th</sup> February 2013  
JANETTE GEF: 02089215269



**ROYAL BOROUGH OF GREENWICH  
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 –  
SECTION 14  
TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE –  
CARLYLE ROAD AND ADJOINING  
ROUNDABOUTS**

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Royal Borough of Greenwich has made an Order to accommodate carriageway resurfacing works in Carlyle Road and adjoining roundabouts. The effect of the Order will be to temporarily:
  - (a) prohibit vehicles from entering, exiting, waiting or proceeding in:
    - (i) Carlyle Road, between the roundabout situated at the junction of Carlyle Road, Central Way, Crossway and Greenhaven Drive and the roundabout situated at the junction of Carlyle Road, Bentham Road and Crossway;
    - (ii) the roundabout situated at the junction of Carlyle Road, Central Way, Crossway and Greenhaven Drive; and
    - (iii) the roundabout situated at the junction of Carlyle Road, Bentham Road and Crossway.
  - (b) prohibit vehicles from entering or exiting:
    - (i) Central Way at its junction with the roundabout situated at the junction of Carlyle Road, Central Way, Crossway and Greenhaven Drive;
    - (ii) Crossway at its junction with the roundabout situated at the junction of Carlyle Road, Central Way, Crossway and Greenhaven Drive;
    - (iii) Crossway at its junction with the roundabout situated at the junction of Carlyle Road, Bentham Road and Crossway; and
    - (iv) Greenhaven Drive at its junction with the roundabout situated at the junction of Carlyle Road, Central Way, Crossway and Greenhaven Drive.

**NOTE:** The works in the above roads will not be conducted concurrently and, as such, not all the restrictions stated above will be in force in all the affected roads at any one time.

2. The above restrictions will only apply at such times and to such extent as shall be indicated by the placing of the appropriate traffic signs. Vehicular access to properties affected by these works will be maintained whenever possible subject to the extent and operations of the works.
3. Whilst the closure specified in paragraph 1 above are in operation, the alternative route will be via a combination of Bentham Road, Central Way, Crossway and Eastern Way and will be indicated via local signage.
4. The Order will come into force on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2013 and will continue in force for up to 18 months, or until the works have been completed, whichever is the sooner. However, it is expected that the works will take approximately three weeks to complete.
5. Queries concerning these works should be directed to Greenwich Council's Directorate of Regeneration, Enterprise & Skills on 020 8921 5958.

Assistant Director, Strategic Transportation  
The Woolwich Centre,  
15 Wellington Street,  
SE18 6HQ



**ROYAL BOROUGH OF GREENWICH  
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 –  
SECTION 14(1)  
TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE –  
BORTHWICK STREET**

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Royal Borough of Greenwich intends to make an Order to accommodate Thames Water supply works in Borthwick Street. The effect of the Order would be to temporarily prohibit vehicles from entering, exiting, proceeding or waiting (including waiting for the purposes of loading or unloading) in Borthwick Street, between the western Meridian of Deptford Green and a point 110 metres north-west of that line.
2. The above restrictions would only apply at such times and to such extent as shall be indicated by the placing of the appropriate traffic signs. Vehicular access to properties affected by these works would be maintained whenever possible subject to the extent and operations of the works.
3. Whilst the closure specified in paragraph 1 above is in operation, the alternative route:
  - (a) for vehicles accessing Borthwick Street via Watlegate Street would be via Watlegate Street, Creek Road, McMillan Street, Stowage and Deptford Green; and
  - (b) for vehicles accessing Borthwick Street via Deptford Green would be via Deptford Green, Stowage, Goson Street, Creek Road and Watlegate Street.
4. The Order would come into force on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2013 and would continue in force for up to 18 months, or until the works have been completed, whichever is the sooner. However, it is expected that the works would be completed by 8<sup>th</sup> March 2013.
5. Queries concerning these works should be directed to the Royal Borough of Greenwich's Directorate of Regeneration, Enterprise & Skills on 020 8921 6940.

Assistant Director, Strategic Transportation  
The Woolwich Centre,  
15 Wellington Street,  
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# WIN! WIN! WIN! A VALENTINE'S DAY WEDDING AT CHARLTON HOUSE!



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It is one of the architectural jewels in the crown of the Royal Borough of Greenwich and provides the perfect location for wedding ceremonies and receptions, conferences, seminars and training, and

a host of free public events throughout the year. The house is also home to the Mulberry Tea Rooms, the Institute of International Education in London, a library and Charlton Toy Library.

Its many architectural highlights include a classic archway at the entry to the grounds, an original ornate oak staircase, many original fireplaces and the charming walled gardens.

● To enter the competition simply fill in the form below or apply online at [www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/charltonhousevalentine](http://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/charltonhousevalentine). Charlton House has three function rooms available for wedding ceremonies or civil partnerships. There is the Long Gallery for the ceremony, the Old Library suitable for receptions, and the Grand Salon which can be used for the ceremony or drinks reception - while in house caterers, Relish, can provide a wealth of ideas to help plan your event. The house features a dance floor and

car parking and there is accommodation for guests at three nearby hotels.

● For more information call the events team on 020 8856 3951 or email [charlton.house@greenwich.gov.uk](mailto:charlton.house@greenwich.gov.uk) or visit [www.charlton-house.org](http://www.charlton-house.org)

### Terms and Conditions

1. Open to all UK residents except anyone professionally connected with the competition.

2. Limited to one entry per household. No third-party or bulk entries will be accepted.

3. Competition closes Friday 29th March 2013.

4. No purchase necessary.

5. All entries received will be entered into a competition to win the following: a Valentine's Day ceremony followed by a drinks reception for up to 110 people at Charlton House on Saturday February 14 2014.

6. No responsibility can be taken for lost, delayed or non-transmitted entries.



7. Prize is as stated and no cash or other alternative prize is available except that in the event of circumstances outside of its control, Charlton House reserves the right to provide a similar prize of equal or greater value.

8. The winners will be notified in writing within 28 days of the closing date. The Royal Borough of Greenwich's decision is final, and no correspondence will be entered into.

9. The prizewinners may be required to participate in publicity, locally and nationally.

10. All descriptions and images entered into the competition may be used for PR purposes by Royal Greenwich.

11. Entry to the competition means you agree to receive details of other events and offers at Charlton House.

## A Valentine's Day wedding at Charlton House 2014

On a separate piece of paper, please explain why you should win a wedding at Charlton House in no more than 300 words. Send your entry to Valentine's Day Wedding Competition 2014, Greenwich Time, The Woolwich Centre, Wellington Street, Woolwich, SE18 6HQ by March 29 2013.

Name of entrant:.....

Address:.....

Telephone contact:.....

Email contact:.....





A FLARE FOR FASHION: staff at Sainsbury's in Woolwich get in the mood to celebrate their 40th anniversary, and above, how it was in 1973. Inset below, shoppers get Saturday night shopping fever



# Back to the discount era!

Woolwich superstore marks its 40th birthday in Seventies style

by Grace Lipski

**FLARED** trousers, big hair and skin-tight lycra made a comeback as Woolwich was transported back to the disco era to celebrate a supermarket's 40th birthday.

Workers at Sainsbury's on Calderwood Street got dressed up in Seventies clobber on February 1 and 2 to mark the milestone.

It was the chain's biggest in London when it opened in 1973, and Brian Skinner remembers it well - he got a job at the shop just a year later - and he still works there!

Brian told GT: "Lots of pranks were pulled on me as the newbie 'mince boy' in the butcher section in 1974, but it was all part and parcel and good fun."

"I work in the bakery section now and there are a lot of rules, regulations and paperwork now compared to when I started. I think 40 years is a long time for a store to operate - it's pretty impressive."



Store manager Rob Decesare said: "I wasn't even born when this Sainsbury's opened. At that time it was closed on Saturdays and Sundays. One of the staff asked if we could go back to those hours!"

Staff recently held a sponsored cycling event, pyjama day, bake sale, a pool competition and got in the spirit of the Diamond Jubilee last year by dressing up in the Union Jack colours of red, white and blue.

Rob added: "It's one of the most community-minded stores I've worked in, and staff here tend to stay a lot longer than average - our oldest is 84."

The supermarket holds an annual Charity of the Year competition, with the latest winners being Falcon Spartak Gymnastics Club. When it opened it employed 80 staff as the largest Sainsbury's in London. It had a makeover in 2011, and today it has 144 staff.

Brian, from Eltham said: "I started when I was 16 - I'm 54 now. I have a good banter with the customers. I feel a bit old when I look at my other colleagues but I have a good craic."

## £50k benefit fraudster jailed

AN eagle-eyed royal borough officer who spotted a false passport helped to trap a fraudster who fiddled more than £50,000 in benefits.

Oluseun Salako, of Langbrook Road, Kidbrooke, was jailed for three and a half years and recommended for deportation on his release during an appearance at Woolwich Crown Court on January 23.

The court heard how Mr Salako was visited by a council officer in September as part of his claim for housing benefit.

Asked for proof of his identity, he showed a Nigerian passport, however it was suspected false as the typeset looked different to those usually seen.

The officer sent details of the passport to the internal audit team who confirmed it was a false document. It was also found that the Home Office UK residency permit held within the passport was counterfeit and that the number used related to a Turkish national.

Further checks proved that Mr Salako had no legal status in the UK and had used the false Nigerian passport and the false UK residency permit to fraudulently claim a range of benefits totalling £50,076 including:

- £11,313 in Job Seekers Allowance between March 2006 and September 2012
- £9,143 in housing benefit and council tax benefit from August 2011 to September 2012 and
- £26,619 in student loans, 2007 to 2011.
- To report a fraud, use the royal borough's free, confidential hotline number on 0800 169 6975 or email fraud@royalgreenwich.gov.uk

## Construction Jobs

**GLLaB** is looking for experienced construction workers for jobs with Crossrail, the redevelopment of Olympic sites and other regeneration projects in the Royal Borough of Greenwich.



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 ROYAL BOROUGH OF GREENWICH

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION  
FOR A PREMISES LICENCE  
LICENSING ACT 2003**

Notice is given that ESTA ROMI LTD, 3RD FLOOR, 207 REGENT STREET, LONDON W1B 3HH has applied for the GRANT of a Premises licence for the following premises:

UNIT 6,  
CHARLTON GATE BUSINESS PARK,  
CHARLTON,  
LONDON SE7 7RX

A record of the application may be inspected by appointment.

Interested parties may make representations to the Royal Borough of Greenwich on this application by no later than **1ST MARCH 2013**. Representations can be made in writing, by email or fax to The Licensing Team, Community Safety & Environment, 4th Floor, Woolwich Centre, 35 Wellington Street, London SE18 4HQ. Tel: 020 8921 8008, Fax: 020 8921 8088, Email: [Licensing@greenwich.gov.uk](mailto:Licensing@greenwich.gov.uk). Representations can only be made on the grounds of one of the four licensing objectives, namely:

- Protection of children from harm
- Public nuisance
- Prevention of crime and disorder
- Public safety

Any person who makes a false statement in connection with an application is liable on summary conviction to a maximum fine of £5,000.

It is proposed that the following licensable activities will take place at the premises:

**RETAIL SALE OF ALCOHOL BETWEEN  
MONDAY TO FRIDAY:  
9AM TO 5PM**



## ***There's plenty to keep children entertained this half term, so...***

FOR ideas and inspiration on activities for children from toddlers to teenagers, download an activity guide for children from the Families Information Service at

○ [www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/fis](http://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/fis)

YOUNGSTERS can burn off some energy and try a range of sports at an Activcamp. Run by Activkids, sessions run from Monday, February 18 to Friday, February 22 with football, tennis, volleyball, martial arts and badminton and much more. See GT p23 Multi sports fun for half term

○ For more information about what's on offer call 020 8269 3589 or email info.  
[greenwich@activkids.co.uk](mailto:greenwich@activkids.co.uk)

GREENWICH and Lewisham Young People's Theatre has a free two-day acting workshop. It kicks off on Monday February 18 and Tuesday February 19 from 11am to 4pm. Subjects to be covered include learning acting skills, ensemble work, vocal skills, physical performance, and work inspired from script extracts. All participants will be considered for GLYPT's Young Performance Company 2013 who will work towards performing at the annual Youth Theatre Festival on April 5 and 6.

Discover Greenwich is hosting a Scale it Up workshop on Friday, February 22 from 12pm to 4pm for £2 per child. Visitors can try their hand at unusual artistic techniques using a mahl stick to create scale drawings. ● Details on 020 8312 6608 or visit [www.ornc.org.uk](http://www.ornc.org.uk)

# Spring in

THERE's a regular programme of events for children across the borough's libraries, including rhyme times, messy hours, craft sessions and story times. The following events take place through half term week:

● **Coldharbour library**, Wiliam Barefoot Drive - craft session with a circus theme on Sat Feb 23, 11am until noon. 020 8857 7346

● **New Eltham library**, Southwood Road - spring crafts, Fri, Feb 22, 2.30-3.30pm. 020 8850 2322

● **West Greenwich library** - Greenwich High Road - messy morning, Thur, Feb 21, 10.30-11.30am, colour some birds, make a nest and take them home. 020 8858 4289

● **East Greenwich library** in Woolwich Road - winter crafts session on Mon, Feb 18 and Tues, Feb 19 at 2.30pm to 3.30pm. On Thursday, Feb 21 story time is held at 2.30pm to 3.30pm. 020 8854 7900

● **Slade library** half term spring crafts workshop on Thur Feb 21 at 2.30pm to 3.30pm. 020 8858 6656

● **Woolwich Centre library**, Wellington Street - special half term activities: Feb 19 - spring storytime  
Feb 21 - Japanese spring activities with RASCALS

Feb 22 - spring messy crafts - St David's Day daffodils. 020 8921 5750.

● For full details of library events for children visit [www.better.org.uk](http://www.better.org.uk)



THE National Maritime Museum is running workshops with a Chinese New Year theme.

● Family flags sessions run from Feb 18 to Feb 22 at 11.30pm to 3.30pm or 2pm to 4pm.

● 'From Britain to China' workshops run from 11pm to 3pm from Feb 18 to Feb 22.

● On Feb 19 a watersnake party has two sessions at 10.30am to 12.30pm and 1pm to 3pm.

● Creative cargo runs on Feb 19 and Feb 21 at 11.30am to 1.30pm and 2pm to 4pm.

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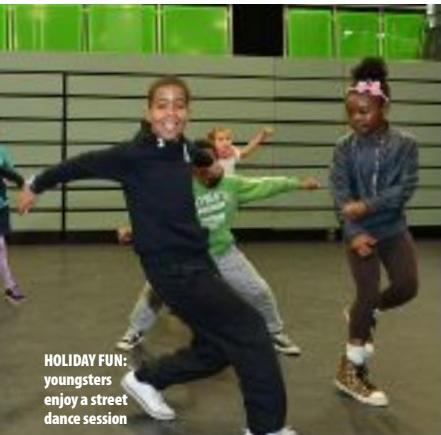
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# to action



HOLIDAY FUN:  
youngsters  
enjoy a street  
dance session

- New Year fans can be made on Feb 21 and 22 at the Cutty Sark at 11am and 2pm.
- Lantern lights runs on Feb 18 and 19 at the Cutty Sark at 11am to 1pm and 2pm to 4pm.
- Animal masks can be made aboard the Cutty on Feb 22 and 23 at 11am to 1pm and 2pm to 4pm.
- Digital Darkroom: Young people's workshops on Feb 22 from 10am to 4pm. Booking is essential and the session is suitable for 14 to 21 year olds.

○ Info: 020 8312 6608 or visit [www.rmg.co.uk](http://www.rmg.co.uk)

TRUST Thamesmead, The Link Thamesmead and Sporting Club Thamesmead have organised a programme of activities including:

- A football course for five to 13-year-olds over five days for £39.
- Tennis coaching for eight to 13-year-olds runs for three days for £24, Monday to Wednesday.
- Street Dance workshops run on alternate days for different age groups. Six to nine-year-olds can practice on 18 February 18 and 19 from 10am to 12pm for £7. 10 to 16-year-olds can attend on Monday and Tuesday from 1pm to 3.30pm for £8.
- Golf coaching tees off on February 21 and 22 from 10am to 1pm for eight to 13-year-olds for £10.
- Indoor rock climbing is £5 a session and runs on February 19 and 20. Eight to 13-year-olds can attend either morning or afternoon sessions from 9.30am to 11am or 1.30pm to 3pm. 13 to 19-year-olds can attend either 11.30am-1pm or 3.30pm-5pm session.
- A high ropes taster session is £5 a time and runs on Tuesday and Wednesday, with two sessions, 9.30am-11am or 1.30pm-3pm for eight to 13-year-olds. Thirteen to 19-year-olds can go to either the 11.30am to 1pm or 3.30pm to 5pm session.

○ Call 020 8320 4499 or visit [www.trust-thamesmead.co.uk](http://www.trust-thamesmead.co.uk)

**6-a-side league starting Monday 18th February 2013, 11am-2pm, at Woolwich Poly**

The tournament is ~~£10~~ free of charge and open to 13-16 year olds

**The winter Greenwich Invitational 2013**

Each member of the Overall Winning Team will receive a Mini Ipad.  
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THE equestrian events in Greenwich Park were heralded as a highlight of the Games last summer, and soon young people will be able to get qualifications in all things equine.

The borough's newest skills centre is for people who want a career working with horses, and it's been showing potential students what's on offer.

The equestrian training centre on Shooters Hill held an open afternoon last Wednesday (February 6), when a queue of horse-mad hopefuls found out the sort of training that can be available to them.

The centre builds on the thrills, glamour and excitement of last summer's equestrian Olympic and Paralympic events in Greenwich Park. It started many people asking themselves if working with horses was something they could do.

The new centre is the result of a partnership between the royal borough and Hadlow College in Kent, and offers different courses which Greenwich students can take up. They will be available to people over 16 with some experience of working with horses. There are advanced courses for people with more horse experience and who want to get qualifications for a career in the industry.

There are four main vocational courses and a five-hour short course aimed more

THE magic of the equestrian events in Greenwich Park training and skills centre in Shooters Hill has opened

# NEW NEIGH



THE WOODEN HORSE: Michelle Wray and mum Amanda give training dummy a test ride



NEIGH PROBLEM: prospective student Amy Collins gets hands-on with an equine pal, while above inset, she checks out the classroom facilities

at leisure enthusiasts. The courses cover horse care and handling, tack and equipment, working safely, and horse health.

From September students will be able to progress to higher qualifications, which could lead to degree-level study. Thirty students have already been recruited, and from September the college expects to have 80 full-time students on site, with another 100 part-time students.

The centre is based around a refurbished house, and has classrooms and an admin block. There is stabling for 20 horses, indoor and outdoor arenas, a 'mechanical horse' to train riders, and

even a horse therapy swimming pool to help injured horses recuperate. This has already brought interest from the police and the army for their horses, as well as other stables in the south east.

Clr Denise Hyland, the royal borough's cabinet member for regeneration, skills and enterprise, said: "The Equestrian Skills Centre is a wonderful resource and a superb way to train local people to become part of a growing industry. This is a very exciting project which will open up new training and career opportunities for many people."

For more information call 020 8921 5234, or contact Hadlow College on 0500 551 434 or email [enquiries@hadlow.ac.uk](mailto:enquiries@hadlow.ac.uk)

Park lives on with the news that a special horse  
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# HOURS!



**HORSING AROUND:** a fine specimen gets used to her stable, above, while below, trainer at the new college show off the facilities to Charlotte Blaze (in black coat)

## "When I saw the horse swimming pool I went 'wow.'"

STUDENTS who visited the centre for the open afternoon included Charlotte Blaze, 18, from Plumstead, who said: "I've been riding for four years and I'm a volunteer working with horses for Riding for the Disabled in Charlton Park.

"I want to become a riding instructor, and I've applied to go on the one-year course for a Level Two diploma in equestrian studies. I'll be coming here for assessment in March, and I want to see if I can be a volunteer here until my course starts in September."

"I've never seen anything like this centre before – I couldn't believe a place like this could be here."

"When I saw the horse's swimming pool I just thought 'wow'. It means I can now do something I've always wanted to do, and it's not far from my home."

"I really like the horses and the quality of the stabling here. And the mechanical horse is really good for people to practice on."

Thirteen-year-old Amy Collins from Charlton said: "I've been riding since I was five, and it's my first time here. I really like it, especially the exercise pool for horses."

"I'd just love to come here after I finish the sixth form because I'd like to become an equine physiotherapist." Her mum Karen added: "Amy's

whole life is horses, and with this centre on our doorstep, it will be a great opportunity for her."

Michelle Wray, 17, from Charlton is just starting a part-time Level One course and wants it to lead on to full-time Level Two studies.

She said: "I'm so excited. I've always wanted to work with horses since I was two. This is the first time I've been here, and it's amazing."

Her mum Amanda used to be an affiliated show jumper and came third representing Greenwich in the London Youth Games. She said: "I think it's brilliant that local people will be able to come here and learn about working with horses."

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GALLAGHER SISTER: Kristy Gallagher played at Concert for Andy

## Andy lives on in spirit

ANDY Ropke's enduring legacy is the young artists he nurtured who turned out in droves to honour his memory at the second annual Concert For Andy.

The biggest tribute of all wasn't even the 300 who came to remember their friend on February 2 at Blackheath Halls, it's that the Icarus Club he founded is still going in Greenwich and in Hither Green.

Andy died after a short battle with cancer in December 2011.

The tone one year on was less sombre and dark, less desperately poignant and sharp. Old friends and family came to meet and share memories of a man they had all truly loved.

Back in 2004 two friends - Andy Ropke and Phil Dearing - formed a club where new musicians could practice their art. In an informal setting where the pressure was off, singer-songwriters could simply play as they pleased.

One or two have gone on to considerable success - like Kristy Gallagher who started things off. She'd come down from Coventry to honour her mentor and was "delighted to have decided to come". The acts came and they went, "Still" especially good with their touching rendition of Crystalline. Jack Harris caught the eye, his performance professional, a comfortable presence on stage. He won the prestigious Kerrville Folk Festival's New Folk Award at only 19 and has recently launched a new album. His slow soulful vocals seamlessly fused with an intricate, guitar-plucking style.

The acts kept on coming from The Portraits, Luke Jackson, Misshaped Pearls who were there last time round. A large rolling screen showed Andy on film unnerving the lead singer of Still; "it's eerie...it's almost as if he's still here". More acts - The Intrepid Spaniels, The Portraits, Benny Gallagher - more drinks and more proceeds for Charity (Bexley and Greenwich Hospice), this (memorial) concert now an annual event.

Thank you Andy for nurturing so many young artists, God bless you and see you next year.

Dick Morgan

## Sign up for arts directory

A NEW online directory to raise the profile of arts groups, organisations and artists has been launched.

The directory is to increase visibility of artists and enable groups and individuals to network and publicise themselves more easily. And it's free to join.

To sign up, submit details or search the database, go to [www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/artsdirectory](http://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/artsdirectory)

**CHARLTON'S am-dram supergroup, the Alexandra Players are back with an ambitious production of schoolgirl caper, Daisy Pulls It Off...**



SO what exactly is the 'it' that Daisy pulls off, Scene is keen to know?

"Well, without giving the game away," director Roy Moore tells us, "she proves to be very good at everything - she's good at games and scores the winning goal at hockey, she finds treasure that everyone's been looking for, and then there's a big surprise at the end."

The tale of the precocious youngster is the biggest production yet that the Alexandra Players have undertaken, and if the old adage to never work with children or animals is to be believed, the most risky.

"Yes there is that saying - but so far so good," says Roy. "We've got a mixture of children playing children, and adults playing children - because of course most of the cast are schoolchildren."

*Daisy...* is set in the 1920s and its humble lead character wins a scholarship to a posh girls' boarding school.

"It's all jolly hockey sticks and all that," the director says. "She pulls through and wins them over, it's a really fun play - nothing deep."

The players have made their name as comedic farcians par excellence, and here again there are laughs, as well as some singing and dancing thrown in for good measure.

"I don't know quite what it is about

# WHAT

## MORDEN ARMS

Live Music: Dan Nash Band. Sun Feb 17 Blues sounds with vocals, harmonica and guitar. 4pm. FREE. 020 8858 2189

## THE RAILWAY, BLACKHEATH

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# Hockey schtick!



**Daisy Pulls It Off**  
Alexandra Hall, Charlton, Feb 21-23. £8/£7. Book on 07867 627 987 or alexandraplayers@gmail.com

us that makes us so suited to comedy," said Roy.

"An important part of it is the core of people who have been treading the boards for quite a long time, and who are very talented."

It's on at the players' HQ, the Alexandra Hall in Charlton, and the younger members have really ramped up the energy, says the director.

"They've brought exuberance and they all think it's great fun - they've really put their hearts into it."

And it's also enhanced the aesthetics

of the performance, he says. "I thought it would look a bit strange having women playing children, so I had this idea of the grown-ups telling the story while the little ones act it out, which has turned out really well."

It's new territory for the usually all-adult group from SE7.

"We don't have children as regular members, and it sometimes comes down to the ones whose parents are keen enough to bring them out on cold nights!"

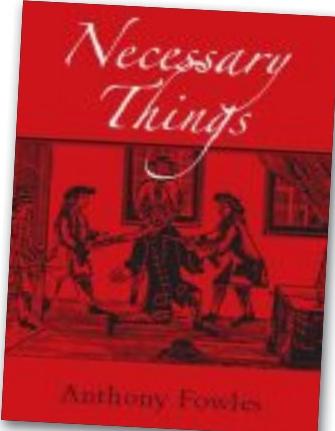
"We do try and involve anybody who joins, even if they're not very experienced."

GIVE ME YOUR ANSWER DO: Daisy and the cast in uniform approval

*Daisy...* is on for the start of the half term holidays.

"It's that funny time just after Christmas when the weather's rotten. Some years we've done a pantomime, but this is fun, it's light, and hopefully it will appeal to families during half term and get some younger people in the audience."

Rod Kitson  
*Daisy Pulls It Off* is on at Alexandra Hall, Bramshot Ave, Charlton, from February 21-23 at 8pm. Tickets £8/£7. Book on 07867 627 987 or email:alexandraplayers@gmail.com



## Author talk: Book now!

"IT took three decades of planning and one year to write it," says the author of *Necessary Things*, Anthony Fowles.

The Blackheath writer is on home turf later this month to give a talk on his historical thriller about the brutal slaying of a London magistrate in 1678.

"The ingredients were all there," the author told Scene's Dick Morgan - "I just needed to piece them together."

It's a swashbuckling part-fact, part-fiction novel that takes in the reign of Charles II. His father beheaded, he was forced into exile. A decade saw him roaming round Europe until Restoration put him back on the throne.

But this new book has put all this to rights and thrown in a murder to boot.

Fowles writes in the style and the tone of old England, and he's at Blackheath Halls on February 27.

"I mimicked the style of the Pepys diaries," said the author. "It was long in the making - but it's probably the best book I've written."

The sights, sounds and smells of old London besiege us - from the heart-breaking poverty that saps and erodes, the violent fervour bedecked as religion and the sweat of the blood-seeking mob.

The author has enjoyed an eclectic career. Originally from London, he studied English at Oxford before filmmaking pulled him abroad (University of California).

He moved to Blackheath some four decades ago as a freelance in both writing and films.

The power of this novel derives from two themes, the most important is that it's based on fact. The murder of Sir Edmund Berry Godfrey, a popular magistrate, remains unsolved to this day and Pepys did act as chief secretary to the Admiralty. Combining the two with Pepys as detective gives the novel its secondary theme.

Anthony Fowles is at the Blackheath Halls on February 27. Tickets £10. Book on 020 8463 0100 or go to [www.trinitylaban.ac.uk/blackheath-halls](http://www.trinitylaban.ac.uk/blackheath-halls)

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Saturday February 23  
CHINESE New Year celebrations kick off on February 10, and this year is the sign of the snake. Eastern culture has influenced British life for hundreds of years with the trading of spices, materials, China porcelain, language, food and migration. Visitors to the museum on Feb 23 can make their own family flag and create an animation of the East India company's journey to the 'Mystic East'. The story of Chinese sailor

James Robson - who was found as a castaway baby and taken aboard the Cutty Sark by the captain's wife - is being performed in an interactive show.

Are you a snake? You are if you were born in the years 1929, 1941, 1953, 1965, 1977, 1989 or 2001.

Chinese New Year celebrations are at the National Maritime Museum, Cutty Sark and Sammy Ofer Gallery on Saturday February 23 from 11am-4pm. FREE entry. Workshops are suitable for all ages. For more information call 020 8312 6608 or [www.rmg.co.uk/visit/events](http://www.rmg.co.uk/visit/events)

## Eltham in pictures

THE annual Eltham in Pictures exhibition is being held on Saturday February 16, between 10.30am and 4pm.

This year's exhibition at St Mary's Community Centre, 180 Eltham High Street and has been organised by The Eltham Society. The show includes a display on Eltham's Fire Service and the 2012 Olympic torch relay through Eltham. Admission is free and refreshments are available.

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4. The Order would come into force on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2013 and would continue in force for up to 18 months, or until the works have been completed, whichever is the sooner.

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## Fourth plinth youth art comp

YOUNG artists are invited to create something for the fourth plinth in Trafalgar Square in an art competition organised by the London Mayor. He's calling on youngsters to pick up their pencils, paintbrushes and cameras and get creative for this year's Fourth Plinth Schools Awards. Winners' artwork will be displayed at City Hall. Get details and submit artwork at [www.fourthplinth.co.uk/schoolsaward](http://www.fourthplinth.co.uk/schoolsaward) by March 15.

## Eltham post office reopen

ELTHAM Park post office is set to reopen on Monday (February 18) after a three-week refurbishment. The office at 104 Westmount Road was temporarily shut on January 28 for safety reasons during the works. Customers were advised to use alternative post offices in Court Yard and Well Hall Road.

## Council Tax Discount and Premium Notice

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN under Section 11 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended by the Local Government Finance Act 2012, that at a meeting on the 30th January 2013 the Royal Borough of Greenwich resolved, for the year 2013/14:

- to set at 0% for the whole of its area the level of council tax discount on dwellings falling within the definitions of Class A, B, C and D of the Council Tax (Prescribed Classes of Dwellings)(England) Regulations 2003 and the Council Tax (Prescribed Classes of Dwellings)(England)(Amendment) Regulations 2012;
- to set at 50% for the whole of its area the level of council tax premium on long term empty dwellings. Dwellings excluded from this premium are those falling within the definitions of Class E and F of the Council Tax (Prescribed Classes of Dwellings)(England)(Amendment) Regulations 2012.



**Greenwich  
Community  
College**

Did you know:  
**There is a 7% rise in electrician jobs forecast in the Royal Borough of Greenwich between now and 2017.**

Source: EMSI

# GreenwichHomes

Royal Borough of Greenwich's Choice Based Lettings Scheme

Edition 326

## How the lettings policy works

Housing applicants are placed within 'Bands' according to the Royal Borough of Greenwich's policy for letting homes. Your band information is on the letter that the Council sent you when you registered, or when your circumstances changed. Property adverts say which band can apply and any other criteria. When all the bids are received, the property is then offered to: For properties advertised for band A and band B - the applicant who has had this priority status for the longest time. For properties advertised for band C applicants - the applicant who has been registered on the Council's list for the longest time.

### BAND

- A** is for applicants in unsatisfactory housing, including people moving due to demolition and those underoccupying their homes.
- B** is for applicants the Royal Borough of Greenwich must prioritise according to the law, particularly homeless people, and others with an urgent need to move for medical or welfare reasons.
- C** is for all applicants on the housing register, including those that are in priority bands A and B.

## How do I apply?

### Get on the list

First, you've got to be on the housing waiting list to join the scheme. If you're not, register an application online at

[www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk](http://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk)

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### Find your applicant number

It will be on the letter you've already had from the Royal Borough of Greenwich about the new scheme. You'll need that number and the reference number of the property you're after, which will be on the advert.

2

### Pick out your ideal property

by looking in Greenwich Time or regularly checking the website:

[www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/homes](http://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/homes)

3

Click on your preference on the website. If you don't have a computer, you can always use one for free at either The Eltham or Woolwich Centre or a local library.

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### Apply in one of two ways

- Phone the 24-hour hotline 020 8921 4340. It's an automatic push-button system and calls will be charged at the normal local rate, or
- Via the Royal Borough of Greenwich's website  
[www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/homes](http://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/homes)

## 24-hour hotline

The Greenwich Homes (Choice Based Lettings) Telephone Bidding Line is available in:  
English 020 8921 4340

Greenwich Homes (locations « au choix ») Ligne téléphonique de demande disponible en français en composant le :  
French 020 8921 4330

Có sẵn Đường dây Đầu giá Điện thoại Greenwich Homes (Tài sản Dựa trên Sự chọn lựa) ở:  
Vietnamese 020 8921 4343

Guryaha Xaaladda Greenwich (Guri-ihaar Ku-saleysan kala-doorashoo) Khadka Ku-tarlanka waxaa laga helaa:  
Somali 020 8921 4345

Greenwich Konutları (Tercihe Dayalı Kiralık Konut) Telefon ile Teklif Verme Hatti Türkçe de aranabiliyor:  
Turkish 020 8921 4347

格林威治家居 (揀選租屋計劃) 開通電話競投專線：  
Cantonese 020 8921 4370

கிரேன்சிக் குல்லங்கள் (தேர்த்தெடுக்கப்பட்ட வாடகை வீடுகள்) ஏல்ப் பிரிவு தொலைபேசி இங்கு கிடைக்கும்:

Tamil 020 8921 4300

**The next edition of GreenwichHomes will be available on Wednesday 20 February 2013 at midday and will include any Housing Association properties when available. Closing date for all applications for this issue is midnight on Sunday 17 February 2013.**

# GreenwichHomes

Royal Borough of Greenwich's Choice Based Lettings Scheme

**Only priority applicants can apply for Bands A&B**



Hyde Housing Association

Ref Number: 174102  
**Freemantle Hse Dowells St SE10**  
1 Bed 2nd Flr Flat Lifted  
Gas C/H Open plan kitchen  
Entry phn No pets No pkg  
**£122.01 pw** Bands A&B



Moat Housing Group

Ref Number: 86271  
**Leamington Ct Restell Close SE3**  
2 Bed 6th Flr Flat Lifted  
Rad C/H Entry phn  
No pets 1 pkg space  
**£123.97 pw** Bands A&B



Ref Number: 172679  
**Queenscroft Rd SE9**  
3 Bed Hse Gdn  
Rad C/H  
**£114.31 pw** Bands A&B



Ref Number: 174155  
**Dowell St SE10**  
3 Bed Town Hse  
Gas C/H No Pets  
**£127.98 pw** Bands A&B



Ref Number: 173824  
**Jacobite Lodge Elliscombe Rd SE7**  
1 Bed 2nd Flr Flat Unlifted  
Rad C/H Entry phn  
No pets 1 pkg space  
**£149.59 pw** Bands A&B



Hyde Housing Association

Ref Number: 174097  
**Freemantle Hse Dowells St SE10**  
2 Bed 3rd Flr Flat Lifted  
Gas C/H Open plan kitchen  
Entry phn No pets No pkg  
**£140.56 pw** Bands A&B



Hyde Housing Association

Ref Number: 174101  
**Freemantle Hse Dowells St SE10**  
2 Bed 2nd Flr Flat Lifted  
Gas C/H Open plan kitchen  
Entry phn No pets No pkg  
**£140.56 pw** Bands A&B



Hyde Housing Association

Ref Number: 174104  
**Freemantle Hse Dowells St SE10**  
3 Bed 3rd Flr Flat Lifted  
Gas C/H Open plan kitchen  
Entry phn No pets No pkg  
**£151.98 pw** Bands A&B



Ref Number: 174173  
**Freemantle Hse Dowells St SE10**  
3 Bed 2nd Flr Flat Lifted  
Gas C/H Open plan kitchen  
Entry phn No pets No pkg  
**£151.98 pw** Bands A&B



Ref Number: 174174  
**Freemantle Hse Dowells St SE10**  
1 Bed 3rd Flr Flat Lifted  
Gas C/H Open plan kitchen  
Entry phn No pets No pkg  
**£122.01 pw** Bands A&B



Hyde Housing Association

Ref Number: 174193  
**Freemantle Hse Dowells St SE10**  
3 Bed 2nd Flr Flat Lifted  
Gas C/H Open plan kitchen  
Entry phn No pets No pkg  
**£151.98 pw** Bands A&B



Hyde Housing Association

Ref Number: 174367  
**Freemantle Hse Dowells St SE10**  
1 Bed 4th Flr Flat Lifted  
Gas C/H Open plan kitchen  
Entry phn No pets No pkg  
**£122.01 pw** Bands A&B



Ref Number: 174647  
**Leila Parnell Pl SE7**  
2 Bed 3rd Flr Flat  
Unlifted Rad C/H  
Entry phn  
**£91.77 pw** Bands A&B



Ref Number: 174649  
**Elderslie Rd SE9**  
2 Bed 2nd Flr Flat  
Unlifted Rad C/H  
Entry phn  
**£100.18 pw** Bands A&B



Ref Number: 174672  
**Bracondale Rd SE2**  
3 Bed Hse Gdn  
Rad C/H  
1 pkg space  
**£167.25 pw** Bands A&B



Ref Number: 174689  
**Belson Rd SE18**  
2 Bed 4th Flr Flat  
Lifted Rad C/H  
Entry phn  
**£91.75 pw** Bands A&B



Ref Number: 174691  
**Kingsground SE9**  
2 Bed Grnd Flr Flat  
Gdn Rad C/H  
**£96.74 pw** Bands A&B



Ref Number: 174692  
**Lamb Hse Haddo St SE10**  
2 Bed Grnd Flr Flat  
Rad C/H Entry phn  
**£104.43 pw** Bands A&B



Ref Number: 174709  
**Sandling Rise SE9**  
1 Bed 1st Flr Flat  
Unlifted Rad C/H  
Entry phn No Pkg  
**£89.59 pw** Bands A&B



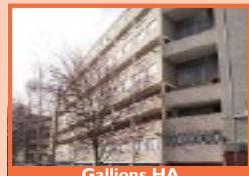
Ref Number: 174712  
**Brewery Rd SE18**  
2 Bed Parl Hse  
Rad C/H  
**£120.00 pw** Bands A&B

**Choice hotline 020 8921 4340**

# Greenwich Homes

Royal Borough of Greenwich's Choice Based Lettings Scheme

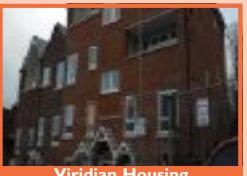
**Anyone on  
the housing  
list can  
apply for  
these**



Ref Number: 54358  
**Keynes Ct**  
**Attlee Rd SE8**  
2 Bed 3rd Flr Flat  
Lifted Rad C/H  
Entry phn No pets  
**£136.62 pw** Band C



Ref Number: 173825  
**Jacobite Lodge**  
**Elliscombe Rd SE7**  
1 Bed 2nd Flr Flat Unlifted  
Rad C/H Entry phn  
No pets 1 pkg space  
**£149.59 pw** Band C



Ref Number: 173827  
**Jacobite Lodge**  
**Elliscombe Rd SE7**  
1 Bed 2nd Flr Flat Unlifted  
Rad C/H Entry phn  
No pets 1 pkg space  
**£149.59 pw** Band C



Ref Number: 174095  
**Freemantle Hse**  
**Dowells Street SE10**  
1 Bed 3rd Flr Flat Lifted  
Gas C/H Open plan kitchen  
Entry phn No pets No pkg  
**£122.01 pw** Band C



Ref Number: 174096  
**Freemantle Hse**  
**Dowells St SE10**  
1 Bed 3rd Flr Flat Lifted  
Gas C/H Open plan kitchen  
Entry phn No pets No pkg  
**£122.01 pw** Band C

Rsl allocations  
policy applies  
to **Housing  
Association**  
properties



Ref Number: 174159  
**Freemantle Hse**  
**Dowells St SE10**  
2 Bed 2nd Flr Flat Lifted  
Gas C/H Open plan kitchen  
Entry phn No pets No pkg  
**£140.56 pw** Band C



Ref Number: 174354  
**Freemantle Hse**  
**Dowells St SE10**  
2 Bed 4th Flr Flat Lifted  
Gas C/H Open plan kitchen  
Entry phn No pets No pkg  
Max 2 chn any age  
**£140.56 pw** Band C



Ref Number: 174356  
**Freemantle Hse**  
**Dowells St SE10**  
3 Bed 4th Flr Flat Lifted  
Gas C/H Open plan kitchen  
Entry phn No pets No pkg  
Max 2 chn any age  
**£151.98 pw** Band C



Ref Number: 174361  
**Freemantle Hse**  
**Dowells St SE10**  
3 Bed 4th Flr Flat Lifted  
Gas C/H Open plan kitchen  
Entry phn No pets No pkg  
**£151.98 pw** Band C



Ref Number: 174719  
**Besant Ct**  
**Titmuss Av SE28**  
2 Bed 5th Flr Flat  
Lifted Rad C/H  
Entry phn No pets  
**£103.90 pw** Band C



Ref Number: 174768  
**Cherry Tree Ct**  
**Fairlawn SE7**  
3 Bed Grnd Flr Flat Gdn  
Entry phn Rad C/H  
Min 2 chn no pets  
**£124.20 pw** Band C

**Affordable  
Homes**  
Please note  
any Housing  
Association  
properties  
advertised in  
this way will  
have a higher  
rent charge



Ref Number: 126884  
**Whimbrel Ct SE28**  
1 Bed 1st Flr Flat  
Unlifted Rad C/H  
Entry phn No pets  
**£124.62 pw** Bands A&B



Ref Number: 55914  
**Stanley Ct SE9**  
4 Bed Hse Gdn  
Rad C/H  
**£180.00 pw** Bands A&B



Ref Number: 174407  
**Webb Ct**  
**Atlee Rd SE28**  
1 Bed 7th Flr Flat  
Lifted Entry phn  
Rad C/H No pets  
**£122.77 pw** Band C



Ref Number: 174488  
**Besant Ct**  
**Titmuss Av SE28**  
1 Bed 3rd Flr Flat  
Lifted Rad C/H  
Entry phn No pets  
**£125.54 pw** Band C



Ref Number: 174761  
**Wren Path SE28**  
1 Bed Grnd Flr Flat  
Entry phn Rad C/H  
Over 40's No pets  
**£123.69 pw** Band C

[www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/homes](http://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/homes)

*property listings continue overleaf*

Choice hotline 020 8921 4340

# GreenwichHomes

Royal Borough of Greenwich's Choice Based Lettings Scheme

# Important Notice

## Changes to the rents and tenancies of some advertised housing association properties.

### Affordable Housing

Currently the rent level for the properties you see advertised in Greenwich Homes is significantly lower than full market rents in private sector housing.

From now you will now be seeing some housing association properties advertised for higher rents, up to eighty percent of the market rent. These rents will also include the service charge that you will need to pay for the property. We will use the phrase Affordable Housing on the adverts to help you identify these properties.

### Please note the Council will continue to advertise all the homes it owns at the standard rent level.

You can bid for properties advertised as Affordable Housing in exactly the same way as for other advertised properties. If you are successful the housing association may want to check you have enough income to pay the higher rent, whether you are working or on benefits. If you are currently a housing association tenant the rent you pay on your present home will not be affected by this change.

### Fixed term tenancies

You will also notice that the tenancies for Affordable Housing and some other housing association properties may now be for a shorter period than the present lifetime tenancies offered by housing associations. The phrase Fixed term tenancy will be used in the adverts to identify these properties. The tenancy details will be explained to you if you are successful when you view the property.

**Please think about these changes when bidding for an Affordable housing property and make sure you can afford the home that you choose.**

### This is what happened to the homes advertised in issue 323

Address	Bed-rooms	Property Type	No of Bids	Reg date of successful app	Band
Chapter House Federation Road SE2 0LS	2	FLAT	64	03/09/2012	B
Nelson Mandela Road SE3 9QS	4	HOUSE	162	17/05/2010	B
Woodland Grove SE10 9UL	1	FLAT	72	13/03/1996	A
Bracondale Road SE2 9EQ	2	FLAT	40	26/10/2012	B
Woolwich Church Street SE18 5NE	2	MAISONETTE	627	25/02/2008	C
Godstow Road SE2 9AZ	0	FLAT	336	28/04/2008	C
Well Hall Road SE9 6TY	1	FLAT	301	23/03/2010	C
Sowerby Close SE9 6EZ	1	FLAT	290	04/12/2008	C
Tump House Bailey Close SE28 0NS	2	FLAT	443	11/03/2008	C
Knockholt Road SE9 6AW	3	HOUSE		withdrawn	
Brentwood House Portway Gardens SE18 4PQ	2	FLAT	416	01/03/2010	C
Galena House Grosmont Road SE18 1LH	0	FLAT	268	22/05/2008	C
Restons Crescent SE9 2JD	0	FLAT	321	10/07/2009	C
Mottingham Road SE9 4SY	3	HOUSE	138	22/03/1996	A
Commonwealth Way SE2 0LB	1	FLAT	42	26/01/2012	B
Pippenhall Southend Crescent SE9 2SH	1	FLAT	62	26/03/1991	A
Eglington Road SE18 3SN	2	MAISONETTE	53	07/09/2012	B
Godstow Road SE2 9AT	0	BUNGALOW	135	04/01/2010	C
Walmer Terrace SE18 7EB	2	MAISONETTE	55	07/07/2011	B
Jacobite Lodge Elliscombe Road SE7 7PD	2	FLAT	50	07/03/2012	B
Jacobite Lodge Elliscombe Road SE7 7PD	2	FLAT	37	14/05/2012	B
Maryon Road SE7 8DA	3	MAISONETTE	477	28/09/2006	C
Galena House Grosmont Road SE18 1LH	2	FLAT	336	29/10/2009	C
Jacobite Lodge Elliscombe Road SE7 7PD	1	FLAT	42	22/10/2011	B
Jacobite Lodge Elliscombe Road SE7 7PD	1	FLAT	454	13/09/2006	C
Jacobite Lodge Elliscombe Road SE7 7PD	1	FLAT	343	22/08/2007	C
Lamport Close SE18 5PY	2	FLAT	63	18/09/1979	A
Gloucester Circus SE10 8RX	1	FLAT	88	20/03/2007	A
Elliscombe Road SE7 7PD	4	HOUSE		withdrawn	
Elliscombe Road SE7 7PD	4	HOUSE	66	07/06/2011	B
Elliscombe Road SE7 7PD	4	HOUSE	60	10/08/2011	B
Elliscombe Road SE7 7PD	4	HOUSE	329	29/10/2003	C

### For information or assistance

Contact our Allocations Team on:  
020 8921 2941 Email: **housing-allocations@greenwich.gov.uk**

### GreenwichHomes adverts

*Greenwich Time is now being published  
50 weeks a year and is delivered to all residents.  
GreenwichHome adverts are included in every issue.*

# Care Matters UK

## Carers in the community

### You need to be:

- \* Enthusiastic, motivated & caring
- \* A good team player
- \* Ideally have some Experience
- \* Car or Advantage
- \* Reliability a Must
- \* Enhanced CRB is required & can be done through us
- \* NVQ on advantage but can be attained through us

In all areas of:

**R B Greenwich**  
**L B Bexley**

We provide high quality care to the elderly and disabled in their own homes.  
We work very much as a team and have a good reputation to uphold.

- \* Good rates of pay
- \* Excellent training opportunities
- \* Flexi or full time hours and Weekends.

### We are an Equal Opportunity Employer

Accredited provider for Kent CC & R B Greenwich

L B Bromley and L B Bexley

Tel: 01322 522440

Office Hours: 9am to 5pm please

**L B Bromley**  
**North Kent**



# WIN! WIN! WIN! WIN! WIN! WIN!

## £250 shopping voucher for Mothering Sunday

MOTHER'S Day is just around the corner and to help one lucky mum feel like one in a million, Greenwich Shopping Park is offering Greenwich Time readers the chance to win £250 worth of shopping vouchers to spend at the park.

There are 13 favourite high street stores\* at the park off Bugsby's Way in Charlton, so you're sure to find the perfect present to spoil your mum and make her feel extra special this Mothering Sunday.

Follow @ShopGSP on Twitter and

'Like' Greenwich Shopping Park on Facebook to stay up-to-date with our latest offers, news and competitions.

### How to enter:

Visit the Competitions page at [www.greenwichshoppingpark.co.uk](http://www.greenwichshoppingpark.co.uk) to answer a simple question. Competition closes at 12pm on Tuesday, February 26 2013. View full T&Cs online.

\*OUTFIT, Next, River Island, H&M, New Look, Clarks, JD Sports, SportsDirect.com, Maplin, WHSmith, Boots, Poundland and Costa.

Notice is hereby given that application(s) have been made to The Royal Borough of Greenwich in respect of the under mentioned premises/sites. You can see the submissions and any plans during the hours of 9.00am to 5.30pm Monday to Friday and 9.00am to 5.00pm on Saturday at:-

**Woolwich Public Library, Woolwich Centre, 21 Love Lane, SE18 6QT**

or at the library shown between normal opening hours.

If development proposals affect Conservation Areas and/or Statutorily Listed Buildings under the Planning (Listed Building and Conservation Area) Act 1990 (As Amended) this will be shown within the item below.

Anyone who wishes to comment on these applications should be made in writing to Development Planning within 21 days of the date of this notice.

Please quote the appropriate reference number.

Date: 12/02/2013

Mike How - Chief Planning Officer

### Publicity For Planning Applications

Applicant	Address	Development	Planning Ref.	Decision Date	Publicity For Listed Building Consent
The Pointer School	THE POINTER SCHOOL, 37 SHOOTERS HILL ROAD, BLACKHEATH, LONDON, SE3 7HS	Lift conversion including two dormer windows, two roof lights and external staircase to provide staff resource room, Conversion and extension of existing garage to provide 2-storey teaching accommodation, staff room, lobby and toilet facilities.	12/2810/F	13/0142/F	
Drawing Number:	LO11(Location Plan), EX01, EX02, EX03, EX05, EX06, EX07, EX08, EX09, EX10, EX11, PL01, PL02, PL03, PL04, PL05, PL06, PL07A, PL08A, PL09, PL10, PL11 and Design and Access Statement.				
Library:	Blackheath Library, Old Dover Road, Blackheath, SE3 7BT				
Conservation Area:	BLACKHEATH				
Applicant:	Mr Gay		12/3111/F	13/0152/F	
	79 NUMBER ROAD, BLACKHEATH, LONDON, SE3 7LR	Application for the retention of a house with self-contained basement flat.			
Development:					
Drawing Number:	Allocated No. 01, Site Plan.				
Library:	Blackheath Library, Old Dover Road, Blackheath, SE3 7BT				
Conservation Area:	WESTCROFT PARK				
Applicant:	Mr Shane Duffield		13/0043/F	13/0187/RT	
	6 LYVEDEN ROAD, BLACKHEATH, LONDON, SE3 8TP	Fraction of a single storey rear infill extension.			
Development:					
Drawing Number:	2/20 Revision P1, 2/30 Revision P1, 2/40 Revision P1, ED01 Revision P1 (site location plan), ED11 Revision 1 and Design and Access Statement.				
Library:	East Greenwich Library, Woolwich Road, Woolwich SE10 0LL				
Conservation Area:	RECTORBY FIELD				
Applicant:	Miss Morgan		13/0116/F	13/0203/T3	
	5A HIGHMORE ROAD, BLACKHEATH, LONDON, SE3 7UA	Construction of a single storey rear extension (Residential).			
Development:					
Drawing Number:	SHL01, 02, 03, 04, 05, Design Statement and Site Plan.				
Library:	Blackheath Library, Old Dover Road, Blackheath, SE3 7BT				
Conservation Area:	GREENWICH PARK				
Applicant:	Mr & Mrs S & H Laitinnmaki		13/0119/F	12/2811/L	
	18A LANGDALE ROAD, GREENWICH, LONDON, SE10 8UA	Enlargement of rear garage area, installation of rear garage doors and construction of a rear outbuilding.			
Development:					
Drawing Number:	SHL01, SHL02, SHL03, SHL04, SHL05, Site Location Plan, Block Plan and Design and Access Statement.				
Library:	West Greenwich Library, Greenwich High Road SE10 8NN				
Conservation Area:	REDBURNHILL TRIANGLE				
Applicant:	Mr W Kemp		13/0123/F		
	5 TRINITY GROVE, GREENWICH, LONDON, SE10 8TE	Construction of a single storey rear extension and internal remodelling.			
Development:					
Drawing Number:	589 (E) 01 X, 589 (E) 02 X, 589 (E) 03 X, 589 (E) 04 X, 589 (E) 05 X, 589 (E) 06 X, 589 (AP) 02 X, 589 (AP) 03 X, 589 (AP) 04 X, 589 (AP) 05 X, 589 (AP) 06 X and Design and Access Statement.				
Library:	West Greenwich Library, Greenwich High Road SE10 8NN				
Conservation Area:	WEST GREENWICH				
Applicant:	Mr J S Birring Croft Bond		13/0137/F		
	CARD ADJACENT TO 48 WINFORTON STREET, GREENWICH, SE10	Construction of a 2-storey dwelling with integral garage previously permitted on appeal dated 19/08/06 (Ref: 05/2147/F).			
Development:					
Drawing Number:	0483/21 Rev.1, 22 Rev.6, 23 Rev.8, 25 Rev.1, Site Location Plan, Design & Access Statement and Archaeological Report.				
Library:	West Greenwich Library, Greenwich High Road SE10 8NN				
Conservation Area:	WEST GREENWICH				
Applicant:	Mr Russell Clarke Equitable House Ltd			13/0086/L	
	EQUITABLE HOUSE, 10 WOOLWICH NEW ROAD, WOOLWICH, LONDON, SE18 6AB	Installation of 17 externally illuminated signs.			
Development:					
Drawing Number:	33221 P101(Rev. C), 3321 P103(Rev. B), 3321 P200, Design and Access Statement and Email dated 22 January 2013.				
Library:	Woolwich Public Library, Woolwich Centre, 21 Love Lane, Woolwich, SE18 6QT				
Conservation Area:	Grade 2				
Applicant:	Mr Russell Clarke Equitable House Ltd			13/0096/A	
	EQUITABLE HOUSE, 10 WOOLWICH NEW ROAD, WOOLWICH, LONDON, SE18 6AB	Installation of 17 externally illuminated signs.			
Development:					
Drawing Number:	33221 P101(Rev. C), 3321 P103(Rev. B), 3321 P200, Design and Access Statement and Email dated 22 January 2013.				
Library:	Woolwich Public Library, Woolwich Centre, 21 Love Lane, Woolwich, SE18 6QT				

# SPORT

## Final magic for Phoenix

from page 24 C

of our equipment and with the coach for the final.

"We've got 25 players. Some just come for the training but that's fine. Everyone at the club is very positive and new players always get a warm welcome."

The one bit of luck for the Phoenix girls came in the semi-finals when their opponents, Newham Ladies, folded. "It wasn't how we wanted to make the final but we didn't complain!" said Rachel. "We had beaten the team that knocked out Millwall Lionesses so we had already made our mark in the competition."

The team is coached by Kai Bichard, a PE teacher who plays in the Ryman League for Burgess Hill Town FC.

Rachel said: "Kai's brilliant. His drills are really good and he gets us

to play it out from the back. He likes flowing football. Our captain Amy Stevens is like Gerrard in midfield.

"She's very experienced and very much the leader of the team. What's great about women's football, I think, is that it keeps girls and women in sport after they leave school."

Phoenix coach Kai told GT: "It's a great achievement for the girls and a culmination of their hard work in training and matches.

"We know how well we can do and are determined to give 100 per cent in the final - whatever happens it will be a great game to round off a great season."

● ANYONE interested in joining the club can find out more at [www.londonphoenixlfc.co.uk](http://www.londonphoenixlfc.co.uk)



ON THE BALL: a London Phoenix player in training for their big day



To read GT online scan this QR code or go to  
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## Multi-sports fun for half term

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- c) Jordan Cook

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# Firing into final!

## Footy fever as Phoenix FC reach cup clincher

by Peter Cordwell

**ON a bitterly cold night and with England playing Brazil on the telly, a lesser squad might have opted for a cosy night in the clubhouse.**

But these are the ladies of London Phoenix LFC and, quite apart from loving their football, they've got "the big one" coming up.

On Sunday, March 24, they'll be doing a Bradford City by taking on Tottenham Hotspur Ladies Reserves in the London Women's Junior Cup final.

"When I found out we'd made the final I was hysterical, shouting down the phone to my team-mates" said 28-year-old six-foot centre back Rachel Berry. "I can't sleep the night before a match anyway so I don't know what it'll be

like the night before the final."

London Phoenix, whose home is the John Roan ground in Kidbrooke Park Road, are three grades below the Spurs girls but Rachel told GT: "We are so ready for the challenge.

"This is only our third season so it's a great achievement in itself. But there's no logic to football. One week you play great and the next not so good. It's all down to what we do on the day.

"Whatever happens we'll give them a good game."

Rachel, who's training to become a nurse, is in charge of marketing on the club committee. The team is sponsored by Access Sport and is backed by the council's Olympic legacy team.

"They've helped us attract players and keep them," said Rachel. "Access funded some

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FINAL FLOURISH: the London Phoenix Ladies FC squad that will play in the London Women's Junior Cup final at Cockfosters FC on March 24

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